

# **SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION**



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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**February 7, 2005**

### **FORMER ROCK HILL OFFICER CHARGED**

A former Lieutenant with the Rock Hill Police Department was arrested today, based on three indictments by the York County Grand Jury, and charged with three counts of **Assault and Battery of a High and Aggravated Nature**.

The officer is identified as Derek Gifford Williams, 35, who currently resides at 3253 Bethesda Road, Rock Hill, S.C. He was arrested around 10:45 a.m. and was booked at the York County Detention Center.

The arrest was a result of a request made by former Rock Hill Police Chief David Fortson. The case will be prosecuted by the South Carolina Attorney General's Office.

\* Indictments attached

Form Approved By  
S.C. Attorney General  
Section 17-15-40  
January 1, 1982

INDICTMENT  
Ticket or Warrant No. 05-GS-46-418,  
419, 420

ORIGINAL AND ONE COPY OF THIS FORM ARE TO BE  
COMPLETED IN EVERY BAIL PROCEEDING IN WHICH IT IS USED  
Original Copy For The Trial Court — Copy For The Defendant

## BAIL PROCEEDING

## FORM I

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

State,

IN THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS  
COUNTY COURT  
MAGISTRATE COURT  
MUNICIPAL COURT

v.  
DEREK GIFFORD WILLIAMS

Name of Defendant

ORDER SPECIFYING METHODS  
AND CONDITIONS OF RELEASEOffense Charged AGGRAVATED X 3Trial Court GENERAL SESSIONS

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

I

That the above named defendant be released from custody on his own recognizance without surety on the condition that he will personally appear before the designated court at the place, date and time required to answer the charge made against him and to do what shall be ordered by the court, and not depart the State without permission of the court and be of good behavior.

II

That the above named defendant be released from custody upon a recognizance without surety executed by him.

## Appearance Recognizance Without Surety

On the 7th day of FEB., 2005 personally appeared before the undersigned magistrate the defendant named above who acknowledged himself indebted to the State of South Carolina, in the sum of Seven Thousand and no/100s (\$7,000.00) dollars, to be levied on his real and personal property for the use of the State, if the defendant shall fail in performing the conditions of this order.

III

The defendant agrees that he will notify the court promptly if he changes his address from the one contained in this order and that he will comply with the following other conditions of release \_\_\_\_\_

## IT IS FURTHER ORDERED

That the defendant shall appear at

YORK GEN. SESSIONS

Place of Trial

John C. Hayer  
2/2/05 Date and Time 11:00 A.M.

and remain there throughout the term of court or until some disposition is made of his case or at such other place, date and time as the court may direct.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY DEFENDANT

I understand that if I violate any condition of this order, a warrant for my arrest will be issued.

It has been explained to me that if I fail to appear before the court as required, an additional criminal charge will be instituted against me. If the failure to appear is in connection with a felony charge, or while awaiting sentence, or pending appeal or certiorari after conviction, the penalty is a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both; if I fail to appear in connection with a misdemeanor charge, the penalty is a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

I acknowledge the receipt of a copy of this order and understand the conditions of my release and the penalties applicable to me in the event I violate any condition of the order or fail to appear as required.

Dennis Bolt

Attorney Representing Accused  
(If Known)

P.O. Box 137  
Columbia, S.C.  
29202

Dennis D. Williams (L.S.)  
Signature of Defendant

7253 BETHESDA RD

Address

ROCK HILL, SC

City and State

803

Telephone

[REDACTED]  
Social Security Number

John C. Hayes  
Signature of Judge

2/7/05  
Date

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF YORK

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DAVID HAMILTON  
CLERK OF COURT  
YORK COUNTY, SC

## INDICTMENT

At a Court of General Sessions, convened on January 20, 2005, the Grand Jurors of York County present upon their oath:

**ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE**

That Derek Gifford Williams did in York County on or about April 11, 2002, commit an assault and battery upon the victim, James Kevin Walls, constituting an unlawful act of violent injury to the victim, accompanied by circumstances of aggravation, to wit: the defendant, employed as a Police Officer, jumped and/or pounded on the victim's chest with his knees, after the victim was subdued or down on the ground in a non-threatening posture, and struck the victim multiple times in the head, in violation of the common law of South Carolina.

Against the peace and dignity of the State, and contrary to the statute in such case made and provided.



HENRY MCMASTER (JGBjr.)  
SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL

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**ASSAULT AND BATTERY OF A HIGH AND AGGRAVATED NATURE**

That Derek Gifford Williams did in County on or about July 21, 2001, commit an assault and battery upon the victim, Daryl Wayne Barnette, constituting an unlawful act of violent injury to the victim, accompanied by circumstances of aggravation, to wit: that the defendant, while serving as a Police Officer, grabbed the victim causing him to fall to the ground, sprayed a chemical agent into the victim's face after the victim was subdued and posed no danger, and kicked dirt in the victim's face, in violation of the common law of South Carolina.

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That Derek Gifford Williams did in County on or about June 7, 2002, commit an assault and battery upon the victim, Rashad Jamaal Minor, constituting an unlawful act of violent injury to the victim, accompanied by circumstances of aggravation, to wit: the defendant, while serving as a Police Officer, kicked the victim in his ribs, while the victim had fallen or was placed upon the ground, with his body and/or hands in a non-threatening posture, in violation of the common law of South Carolina.

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HENRY MCMASTER (JGBjr.)  
SOUTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL